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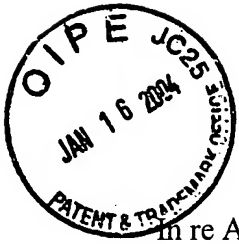
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. The references are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application. Pursuant to the office's waiver of the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. Patents are not being submitted.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. No representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references

have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 USC sections 102 or 103.

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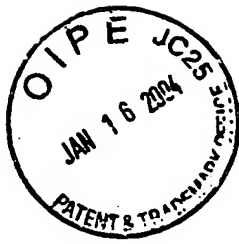
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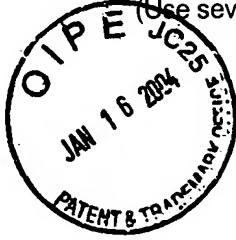
  
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